

## **Report to Clark County neighborhoods on comprehensive plan update process**

The Board of County Commissioners has made several decisions regarding the 2016 comprehensive plan update process. The board chose a medium-growth population projection and coupled it with a major push to greatly improve job prospects for local residents. The jobs target is aggressive and will require an adequate supply of land designated for non-residential uses.

Most recently, the board decided at a June 24 hearing to adopt population and employment allocations for each city and the unincorporated area of the county. The board also adopted planning assumptions, principles and values to guide the update process and agreed to suspend the annual plan amendments for 2015 and 2016. These decisions are the foundation of the 2035 comprehensive plan update.

The next step is to develop land use alternatives representing the range of options that will be considered for distribution of population, employment and development from 2015 to 2035. This work will be in continued cooperation with the cities of Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal and Woodland and the town of Yacolt.

Impacts of these alternatives will be studied and compared during the environmental review process required under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Clark County will seek public input on the alternatives during a process called “scoping.”

Here are dates and locations of open houses for the scoping process:

- Tuesday, Aug. 19, 7-8:30 p.m. – Vancouver Community Library, 901 C St.
- Wednesday, Aug. 20, 7-8:30 p.m. – Lacamas Lake Lodge, 227 N.E. Lake Road, Camas
- Wednesday, Aug. 27, 7-8:30 p.m. – Ridgefield Community Center, 210 N. Main Ave.
- Thursday, Aug. 28, 7-8:30 p.m. – Battle Ground Community Center, 912 E. Main St.

For more information, go to [www.clark.wa.gov/Planning/2016update/index.html](http://www.clark.wa.gov/Planning/2016update/index.html).

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